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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The second part of the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) was held at the United Nations Conference Centre of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 4 to 9 September 2018.

2. The Chair, Mr. Emmanuel Dumisani Dlamini (Eswatini), opened the resumed session on Tuesday, 4 September, and welcomed all Parties and observers. He informed the SBI that the SBI Vice-Chair, Mr. Naser Moghaddasi (Islamic Republic of Iran), and the SBI Rapporteur, Ms. Tugba Icmeli (Turkey), could not be present at this session. He recalled that SBI 48 was suspended at its 4th meeting, on 10 May 2018, on the understanding that the session would be resumed in Bangkok, in conjunction with the second part of the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the sixth part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA), to address matters relating to the Paris Agreement work programme (PAWP) in accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23.[1]

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

3. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5th meeting, on 4 September. The Chair reminded Parties that the SBI adopted the agenda for SBI 48 at its 1st meeting, on 30 April 2018,[2] and that the agenda for SBI 48.2 is as adopted at SBI 48.1. The Chair informed Parties that, as agreed at SBI 48.1, substantive work at SBI 48.2 would be limited to PAWP-related agenda items (agenda items 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14(a), 15 and 17(b)), indicated in boldface in the annotations prepared for SBI 48.2, contained in document FCCC/SBI/2018/10.

4. At the same meeting, the Chair informed Parties that he would convene, together with the SBSTA Chair, consultations with heads of delegation and groups of Parties to discuss how to ensure the adoption of harmonized, coherent and comparable procedural conclusions at the closing plenary meetings of all three bodies for the agenda items being considered at these sessions. He also informed Parties that he would work closely with the APA Co-Chairs as well to ensure that this aim would be met.

5. At the 6th meeting of the SBI, on 4 September, which was held jointly with the 6th meeting of the SBSTA and the 17th meeting of the APA, the presiding officers of the three bodies, responding to the Parties' desire to start work immediately, confirmed on an exceptional basis and without any intention to set a precedent that statements would not be delivered in plenary, and encouraged Parties and observers to upload their statements to the submission and statement portal.[3]

6. On 6 September, the SBI Chair, together with the SBSTA Chair and the APA Co-Chairs, convened a joint informal plenary to inform Parties of progress in the work of the SBI, the SBSTA and the APA pertaining to the PAWP and to discuss the way forward for the sessions.

[1] FCCC/SBI/2018/9, paragraphs 160 and 165.

[2] FCCC/SBI/2018/9, paragraph 5.

[3] http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionPortal/Pages/Home.aspx.

III. Report on agenda items 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14(a), 15 and 17(b)

(Agenda items 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14(a), 15 and 17(b))

1. Proceedings

7. The SBI considered these agenda items at its 5th meeting as well as its 7th meeting, on 9 September. At its 5th meeting, the SBI agreed to convene informal consultations on agenda items 5, 6, 7, 14(a) and 15, which were to be facilitated by co-facilitators, as follows:

(a) Agenda item 5 (Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement): Ms. Marianne Karlsen (Norway) and Mr. George Wamukoya (Kenya);

(b) Agenda item 6 (Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement): Tosi Mpanu Mpanu (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Peer Stiansen (Norway);[4]

(c) Agenda item 7 (Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement): Tosi Mpanu Mpanu (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Peer Stiansen (Norway);[5]

(d) Agenda sub-item 14(a) (Development and transfer of technologies: scope of and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement): Mr. Ian Lloyd (United States of America) and Ms. Claudia Octaviano (Mexico);

(e) Agenda item 15 (Matters related to climate finance: identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement): Mr. Edmund Mortimer (Australia) and Mr. Seyni Nafo (Mali).

8. Also at the 5th meeting, the SBI agreed to:

(a) Convene, jointly with those of the SBSTA on its agenda item 4, informal consultations on agenda items 11 (Report of the Adaptation Committee)[6] and 12 (Matters relating to the least developed countries)[7], to be co-facilitated by Gabriela Fischerova (Slovakia) and Pepetua Latasi (Tuvalu);

(b) Establish, jointly with that of the SBSTA on its agenda sub-item 9(b), a contact group on agenda sub-item 17(b) (Impact of the implementation of response measures: modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures), to be co-chaired by Ms. Nataliya Kushko (Ukraine) and Mr. Andrei Marcu (Panama).

9. At its 7th meeting, the Chair invited the above-mentioned co-chairs and co-facilitators to report back on the work conducted under the respective agenda items. The SBI then adopted the conclusions below, which were, mutatis mutandis, identical to the conclusions adopted by the SBSTA and the APA.

2. Conclusions

10. The SBI took note of the further progress made at SBI 48.2, aiming to complete its work on the PAWP in a timely manner and to forward the outcomes to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-fourth session (December 2018) at the latest.

11. The SBI requested the secretariat to update, on the basis of the outcomes of this session (see the annex), the online platform referred to in paragraph 3 of decision 1/CP.23, which provides an overview of the work of the COP and the subsidiary and constituted bodies on the PAWP. The SBI agreed that the progress achieved at this session provides a useful

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[4] The Chair also informed the SBI that he would consult with Parties on ways to efficiently organize the work under this item and item 7.

[5] See footnote 4 above.

[6] Matters referred to in paragraphs 41, 42 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21.

[7] Including matters referred to in paragraphs 41 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21.

basis for further negotiations by Parties on PAWP matters and their successful completion at COP 24.

12. The SBI agreed that the presiding officers of the APA, the SBSTA and the SBI should prepare a joint reflections note addressing progress made to date and identifying ways forward, including textual proposals that would be helpful for advancing Parties' deliberations. The purpose of doing so would be to address all PAWP matters so as to ensure their balanced and coordinated consideration by the APA, the SBSTA and the SBI, and to facilitate successful completion of the PAWP at COP 24. To that end, the SBI requested its Chair to work closely with the other presiding officers on such a note and to release it by mid-October 2018.

IV. Closure of and report on the session

(Agenda item 23)

13. At its 7th meeting, the SBI considered the draft report on this part of the session and authorized the SBI Chair on behalf of the Rapporteur to complete the report thereon with the assistance of the secretariat and to make it available to all Parties.

14. At the 8th meeting, on 9 September, which was a plenary held jointly with the 8th meeting of the SBSTA and the 19th meeting of the APA, the SBI Chair, together with the SBSTA Chair and the APA Co-Chairs, thanked the Government of Thailand for its hospitality and ESCAP for providing the facilities and an environment conducive to advancing the negotiations. Statements were made by representatives of 16 Parties, including 12 on behalf of groups of Parties: the African Group; the Alliance of Small Island States; the Arab Group; Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; Brazil, South Africa, India and China; the Environmental Integrity Group; the European Union and its member States; the Group of 77 and China; the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean; the least developed countries; the Like-minded Developing Countries; and the Umbrella Group. Statements were also made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental NGOs, indigenous peoples organizations, research and independent NGOs, trade union NGOs, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs.

15. The session of the SBI was then declared closed.

Annex

The Bangkok outcome

1. This annex provides references to the outcomes of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement at the sixth part of its first session and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at the second part of their forty-eighth sessions, held in Bangkok from 4 to 9 September 2018. The outcomes are structured in accordance with annex I to decision 1/CP.23, consistently with the agenda items that were taken up by the subsidiary bodies at these sessions.

2. In addition to the outcomes of the negotiations on the individual agenda items listed below, a compilation of all such outcomes is available on the UNFCCC website at https://unfccc.int/node/28798/ (version of 9 September 2018).

Negotiation body	*Negotiation item*	*Link to outcome*
Matters relating to Article 4 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 22–35 of decision 1/CP.21		
APA	Further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21	https://unfccc.int/documents/182109
SBI	Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 4, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182106
	Common time frames for nationally determined contributions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 10, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/181913
SBSTA and SBI jointly	Modalities, work programme and functions under the Paris Agreement of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures	https://unfccc.int/documents/181953
Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 36–40 of decision 1/CP.21		
SBSTA	Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement	Original version: https://unfccc.int/documents/182093 Corrected version: https://unfccc.int/documents/182934
	Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement	Original version: https://unfccc.int/documents/182091 Corrected version: https://unfccc.int/documents/182937
	Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement	Original version: https://unfccc.int/documents/182092 Corrected version: https://unfccc.int/documents/182939
Matters relating to Article 7 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 41, 42 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21		
APA	Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182087
SBI	Development of modalities and procedures for the operation and use of a public registry referred to in Article 7, paragraph 12, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182111

Negotiation body	*Negotiation item*	*Link to outcome*
SBSTA and SBI jointly	Matters referred to in paragraphs 41, 42 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21	https://unfccc.int/documents/77091
Matters relating to Article 9 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 52–64 of decision 1/CP.21		
SBI	Identification of the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182115
SBSTA	Modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182090
APA	Preparing for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement / matters relating to the Adaptation Fund	https://unfccc.int/documents/182117
Matters relating to Article 10 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 66–70 of decision 1/CP.21		
SBI	Development and transfer of technologies: scope of and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/181801
SBSTA	Technology framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182114
Matters relating to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 84–98 of decision 1/CP.21		
APA	Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182088
Matters relating to Article 14 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 99–101 of decision 1/CP.21		
APA	Matters relating to the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182097
Matters relating to Article 15 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 102 and 103 of decision 1/CP.21		
APA	Modalities and procedures for the effective operation of the committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance referred to in Article 15, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement	https://unfccc.int/documents/182082
Possible additional matters relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement		
APA	Further matters related to implementation of the Paris Agreement: preparing for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement / possible additional matters[a]	https://unfccc.int/documents/182077

Abbreviations: APA = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement, CMA = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

[a] Different views have been expressed by Parties on whether the possible additional matters should be added to the Paris Agreement work programme for the first session of the CMA. The possible additional matters are: (1) modalities for biennially communicating finance information on the provision of public financial resources to developing countries in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement; (2) initial guidance by the CMA to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism (the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility) under Article 9, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 58 and 61–63; (3) initial guidance by the CMA to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 58; (4) guidance by the CMA on the adjustment of existing nationally determined contributions under Article 4, paragraph 11, of the Paris Agreement; and (5) setting a new collective quantified goal on finance in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 53.